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## THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of )  
David F. May et al. ) Group: 1723  
Serial No.: 09/817,698 )  
Filed: March 26, 2001 )  
Title: MOTOR DRIVEN CENTRIFUGAL FILTER) Examiner: Charles E. Cooley

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND ELECTION OF SPECIES

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action dated July 2, 2002. With regard to the restriction requirement, Applicants hereby elect group I, claims 1-39, drawn to a filtering apparatus. With regard to the election of species requirement at paragraph 6 of the Office Action, Applicants hereby elect the species shown in Fig. 34 of the application. Applicants submit that claims 1, 3-6, 8-23 and 30-36 are readable on the elected species. The Examiner has indicated that claim 1 is generic to each of the species. Applicant respectfully submits that both claims 1 and 11 are generic to each of the species.

In the event Applicant has overlooked the need for an extension of time, an additional extension of time, payment of fee, or additional payment of fee, Applicant hereby conditionally petitions therefor and authorizes that any charges be made to Deposit Account No. 20-0095, TAYLOR & AUST, P.C.

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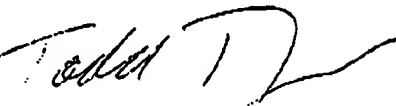
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Should any question concerning any of the foregoing arise, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (260) 897-3400.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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